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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL POLICY AND RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS:
BUREAU GUIDANCE

REF: A) STATE 38356, B) STATE 38338

1. FOLLOWING IS MORE SPECIFIC REGIONAL GUIDANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE S/P BROAD TRENDS FORECAST CONTAINED IN REF B.

2. AS YOU KNOW, IN EAST ASIA WE ARE STUDYING AS PRIORITY ISSUES THE MODALITIES OF PHASING OUT OUR GROUND TROOPS IN KOREA, NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, BASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PHILIPPINES, AND PROSPECTS FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM. OUR RELATIONS WITH JAPAN OF COURSE REMAIN CENTRAL AS THE EARLY VICE-PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO TOKYO AND PM FUKUDA'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO THE US DEMONSTRATE. WE ALSO MAINTAIN A CONTINUING INTEREST IN SEA AND WILL PLAY AN APPROPRIATE ROLE THERE, AS IS EVIDENCED BY OUR READINESS FOR CONSULTATION WITH ASEAN. OUR GLOBAL POLICIES ON NON-PROLIFERATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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ARMS TRANSFERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WILL ALSO HAVE SIGNIFICANT APPLICATION IN EA AS DEFINITE POLICY GUIDELINES

ARE DEVELOPED.

3. IN THE ECONOMIC AREA, AS THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE CONTINUES IT WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR US:

A) TO COORDINATE OUR POSITIONS WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE REGION (JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND) TO HAVE AS MUCH ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE AS POSSIBLE OF THEIR VIEWS ON KEY ISSUES; AND B) TO WORK OUT PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO TAILOR NORTH-SOUTH OBJECTIVES TO PROMOTE ADEQUATELY OUR INTERESTS IN THE ASEAN AREA. IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE PROSPECTS FOR COORDINATION WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LIKELY PROBLEM AREAS. WITH THE MIDDLE AND LOWER INCOME COUNTRIES WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF HOW OUR WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC POLICIES AFFECT INDIVIDUAL EA COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO HELP US DEVELOP POLICIES WHICH DIFFERENTIATE MORE CLEARLY AMONG VARIOUS GROUPS AND TYPES OF LDC'S AS MENTIONED IN PARA 10(C) OF REF B. MORE SPECIFICALLY, RANK BY RELATIVE IMPORTANCE THOSE ECONOMIC ISSUES ON WHICH MORE LIBERAL US POLICIES WOULD CONTRIBUTE MOST TO IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY AS AMONG MULTILATERAL AID (ADB, IBRD), TRADITIONAL BILATERAL PROGRAMS (INCLUDING PL-480), PRIVATE INVESTMENT ENCOURAGEMENT, CAPITAL MARKET ACCESS, TRADE CONCESSIONS, COMMODITY PROGRAMS, IMF FACILITIES, ETC.

4. YOU MAY ASSUME FOR THE PURPOSES OF YOUR ASSESSMENT GENERAL POLICY CONTINUITY WHERE CHANGE HAS NOT CLEARLY BEEN INDICATED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION (E.G. - KOREAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL). YOU MAY ALSO ASSUME A GENERAL EA VIEW THAT THE EXISTING EQUILIBRIUM IN EAST ASIA IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE FORECAST PERIOD ALTHOUGH THIS SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE POSTS FROM DISCUSSING VARIANTS
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